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Dear Mr. Snow,

From the time I first heard that Howard Donahue's atrocity and indecency was to be published I've wondered whether, if any one has the interest, I can be of help. What decided me to write is the fiction attributed to me in the Globe supermarket tabloid of last week. I did not say a single word about the Secret Service attributed to me within quotes. I have never said those things and never believed them.

Paul Bannister, who did not identify himself as with the Globe phoned me. As I recall he identified his agency as "Fleet Street West." Bannister told me that he did not write these paragraphs of invented quotations of me. He promised to send me a copy of his story as submitted but it has not gotten here. The Globe is nonresponsive.

I've read the serialization of Donahue's book in England and the pages of the book in which he refers to me. Why I do not know but he is a liar. Among other things, when he was here and was offered what I'd obtain in a FOIA lawsuit on the ballistics evidence so important to his book he did not look at a page and his wife added a note to their last letter saying she wanted to when they were here again. They never returned, never looked at all the evidence he knew I had and declined to look at it. I think it is obvious that he could not have had knowledge of that material and still have published his monstrosity.

The book is to be mailed to me. I know of the publisher's statement only what I read in the papers. As I understand his position, it is that Hickey's failure to respond to any phone calls justifies publication of the impossible accusation as fact. It just happens that a long-time friend was in Israel the day the enclosed story from the Jerusalem Post appeared. I have highlighted Donahue's knowledge that Hickey did not answer the phone because of an "emotional breakdown." This suggests that the publisher staged a phony excuse for publishing what should not have been published.

There have been so many unnecessary tragedies in the wake of the great one of the assassination, so many commercializations and exploitations of the tragedies by those with that purpose, I hope that at some point someone is in a position to do something to discourage any more of them.

Anyone who is interested can see and have copies of my Donahue file and correspondence.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg